

BARNACLED LIBERIA AN ECHO OF EMPIRE

How "King Sam" Lured Negroes to Where the Rainbow Ends.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Moved to a pier in Erie basin is a huge old rust-pot of a steamship, barnacle incrustated, sticky with mildew, rotten. But three short years ago a thousand persons built upon her dreams of an empire, of a huge and wealthy country where they would be better than the best in this country.

Some of them have died in their attempt to make their dream a reality; others, after passing safely through compound dangers of drowning and disease, are now scattered along the west coast of Africa, picking up their living as they can, scorned and mistreated in the land where their empire was to be.

So ends their faith in "King Sam," the magic-tongued negro who had woven the scheme that made happy their sleep with soft dreams. For months now they have been awake, and aware that it was all a nightmare.

Sam's Ambitious Scheme.

He had dreamed of the spot where she was "moved" two years ago last spring the Liberia was then on Sunday after a dangerous trip from Africa. When "King Sam" was filling the negro newspapers of this country with his stock selling scheme, the authorities had suspected that he was able to point to the vessel in Erie basin, which he had labeled "Liberia," as proof of good faith. So the authorities permitted him to continue, as there was nothing illegal in his methods, and because they more than suspected that he was honest, although a visionary.

His scheme was to transport American negroes to Africa, where they would build an empire. One share of stock at \$25 entitled purchaser to a free voyage to the empire, where land would be given him. Sam was to be emperor.

Money Came Rolling In.

The British authorities tried to prevent his work, but could do nothing except trumpet warnings in the negro newspapers. But in spite of that negroes of both sexes flooded Sam's office with their subscriptions. He bought the Liberia for about \$200,000 in cash.

He injected religion into the scheme, and surrounded every commonplace with the mysticism and formality that the negroes love.

The Liberia, under a crew of negroes, few of whom were sailors, sailed to Calicut, and there the first load of passengers for Africa was taken aboard. The trip was made; disease claimed no lives; the cargo was swept overboard during storms. It was a miracle that the vessel did not founder under her inexperienced crew.

She reached Africa, and here Sam found his kingdom. The land was not forthcoming. The Liberia was anchored while the empire seekers sought work. Sam drifted to a west coast village and soon put such a spell on the natives that they elected him chief.

Towed All the Way Back.

When the war multiplied the value of freighters those to whom Sam owed huge sums thought they could get some of it back by bringing the Liberia home. It was hard to find any vessel which would consent to tow her. Finally the C. W. Morse, a wooden tug, went after her, but was never heard from after she left this port.

Then on September 17, last, the Zealandia, of the Universal Transportation Company, left here under Capt. A. W. Barlow. At Barbadoes her crew sickened of the work and quit. Another crew was shipped, and on October 18 she reached the Liberia, then anchored off Annamahoe. Some of the barnacles on the old ship's sides were scraped off by native divers; such repairs as could be made were made. An 800-foot eight-inch hawser was made fast, and the journey home began. Luckily the weather remained fair, otherwise it is doubtful if the vessel could have returned.

The saloon of the Liberia is filled with reminders of Sam. There is the piano, from which camp meeting hymns and the United States hymns are sung; the floor is worn through in a huge circle where the dances were held.

Over a door in the rear is a sign, "Holy." King Sam used to meditate in the room behind it. There are scraps of hymnals scattered around, some of them inscribed with the names of colonists. "Cotta Bwerly, give to my master, R. G. B.," reads one. "Staples, Paden, Okla., African Gold Coast, the Negro's Home," are two of the inscriptions. In the planter's hutch are written the names of half dozen girls. In the store rooms are barrels of rotten corn beef, musty hams, mildewed potatoes.

FOR EDUCATIONAL SHOW

Plans to Be Outlined at Meeting Tonight.

Active steps toward formulating plans for the educational exhibit to be given in Washington during the national week will be taken this evening when the committee of the Federation of Citizens' Associations appointed to take charge of the affair meets at the District building this evening.

Chairman W. E. Colladay and the twenty-six other members of the committee have developed considerable enthusiasm for the exhibit among the citizens of the District, the commercial bodies, an able Government official.

Congressman Tinkham of Massachusetts has introduced a resolution in the House seeking Congressional approval of the exhibit.

At the meeting to be held tonight it is expected that subcommittees will be appointed and definite plan adopted for the exhibition.

WALKS STOPPED, ENDS LIFE

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Dec. 11.—H. C. Hoagland, noted pedestrian, shot himself dead at his home here. He was seventy-eight years old.

He believed that walking tended to long life and health. Bad weather recently prevented his walking. He also suffered an attack of grippe, which made him despondent.

BEST TREATMENT FOR CATARRH

REMOVE THE CAUSE

Specialists in Catarrh troubles agree that it is an infection of the blood. Once you get your blood free from impurities—cleansed of the Catarrhal poisons, you will be relieved of Catarrh—the dripping in the throat, hawking and spitting; raw sores in the nostrils, and the disagreeable breath. Don't suffer with Catarrh—it is not necessary. Write the Swift Specific Co., Dept. 2, Atlanta, Ga., for free expert medical advice and take S. S. S. at once—Advt.

LYDD-GEORGE ILL FROM OVERWORK

New British Premier Is Ordered to Bed by His Doctors.

(Continued from First Page.)

Secretary of state for foreign affairs—Arthur J. Balfour.

Secretary of State for the colonies—Walter Hume Long.

Secretary of state for war—The earl of Derby.

Secretary of state for India—Austin Chamberlain.

President of the local government board—Baron Rhonda.

President of the board of trade—Sir Albert Stanley.

Minister of labor—John Hodge.

First lord of the admiralty—Sir Edward Carson.

Minister of munitions—Dr. Christopher Addison.

Minister of blockade—Lord Robert Cecil.

Two Controllers Named.

Food controller—Baron Davenport.

Shipping controller—Sir Joseph Paton MacLay.

President of the board of agriculture—Rowland E. Prothero.

President of the board of education—Herbert A. L. Fisher.

First commissioner of works—Sir Albert Stanley.

Chancellor of the duchy of Lancaster—Sir Frederick Calway.

Postmaster general—Albert Illingworth.

Minister of pensions—George N. Barnes.

Attorney general—Sir Frederick E. Smith.

Solicitor general—Gordon Hewart, K. C.

Secretary for Scotland—Mr. Munro.

Lord advocate—James A. Clyde, K. C.

Solicitor general for Scotland—Thomas B. Morrison, K. C.

Lord lieutenant of Ireland—Baron Wimborne.

Chief secretary for Ireland—Henry E. Duke.

Lord chancellor for Ireland—Sir Ignatius J. O'Brien.

Every Resource For War.

England's every resource is to be turned into the war. Every luxury is to be cut off; every activity turned into the serious business of fighting.

"The little Welshman" becomes practically dictator of England. As practiced with him in the "war council" are Earl Curzon, who will be government leader in the House of Commons; Arthur Henderson and Lord Milner, ministers without portfolio.

Because Curzon and Law will be largely occupied with their duties in the two houses, the war council really narrows down to a permanent membership of three men—and two of these, Henderson and Curzon, are without other tasks than that of members of war council. They are left entirely free in order to prosecute the war, with Lloyd-George.

Aligned For Efficiency.

Thus the government forces are aligned for efficiency. This new government also plans efficiency through reforms as to public economy.

It is believed practically certain that Lloyd-George's regime will institute absolute prohibition on spirits throughout Great Britain, with severe restrictions on beer and wine. Further manufacture of spirituous liquors will be forbidden.

Food Controller.

One of Lloyd-George's new "department heads" is a food controller, Lord Davenport. His appointment is a new post—was taken to preserve issuance and institution of all the internal economies in connection with the nation's food supply necessary to reduce waste. Meatless days each week are expected.

Primarily Lloyd-George's "reconstruction of government" is a reconstruction along business lines. Business men, new to politics, will bulk largely in his advisory board.

Such a business man is Lord Davenport, who has been manager of the port of London, and who now becomes food controller.

Business Men in Line-up.

Among the other twenty-eight "department heads" in the new line-up are these business men—Baron Rhonda, made first commissioner of local government board, and who was David Thomas, coal magnate; Sir Albert Stanley, master of the board of trade, now general manager of the London underground railway, who received his technical education and his training in America; and Herbert A. L. Fisher, made president of the board of education, who made a brilliant record as head of Sheffield University.

BABE'S CRIES SAVED LIVES.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Dec. 11.—Awakened by the cries of his six-month-old daughter, William Miller found his house on fire, and barely had time with the aid of a son to carry his wife and children to safety through a second-story window and porch. He tried to go back and get some clothes, but fell and was severely injured.

MOTHERS, DO THIS—

When the Children Cough, Rub Musterole on Throats and Chests

No telling how soon the symptoms may develop into croup, or worse. And then when you're glad you have a jar of Musterole at hand to give prompt, sure relief. It does not blister.

As first aid and a certain remedy, Musterole is excellent. Thousands of mothers know it. You should keep a jar in the house.

It is the remedy for adults, too. Relieves sore throat, bronchitis, tonsillitis, croup, stiff neck, asthma, neuralgia, headache, congestion, pleurisy, rheumatism, lumbago, pains and aches of back or joints, sprains, sore muscles, chilblains, frosted feet and colds of the chest (it often prevents pneumonia).

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WILL SPEAK TOMORROW

Rev. J. A. Ryan to Address St. Vincent de Paul Society.

The Rev. John Augustin Ryan, professor of sociology and economics at Catholic University, will address the annual meeting tomorrow evening of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, of Baltimore, and the Associated Catholic Charities.

A number of Washington Catholics interested in philanthropic and charitable work will attend the sessions tomorrow, at the medical and surgical faculty building, 1211 Cathedral street, at 8 o'clock.

Cardinal Gibbons will preside, and among the distinguished guests will be George J. Gillespie and Edmund J. Butler, both of New York city. They are the president and secretary, respectively, of the Superior Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society of the United States.

The quarterly religious observance of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will take place at the cathedral December 10, where members of the thirty local conferences will attend services at 7 a. m.

SWISS HAVING HARD TIME BEING NEUTRAL

Nation Depends on Both Allies And Germany for Food and Coal.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—All neutral countries have learned what it is to be neutral, but Switzerland's is a notably hard case. No State has felt the unforeseen difficulties which have confronted every central country more than Switzerland.

An island in a stormy sea, entirely ringed around with belligerents and itself divided into German speaking and French speaking peoples, existing largely upon manufactures for which the raw materials and fuel must come from the allies or from the central empires; dependent even for much of its food supply on imports from abroad, Switzerland has been beset with many anxieties.

The more terrible of these have indeed been the lack of coal and the lack of food. Switzerland has no longer to fear the fate of Belgium. Nor is she likely to be forced to abandon neutrality. Yet many problems of neutrality are acute to her, and not the least of these is her commercial situation.

Swiss commerce and manufacture depend upon both belligerent parties. Before the war the bulk of her trade was with Germany, but this trade has not been entirely cut off. In tonnage alone, for the value of her trade with the allies was about equal to that of her German trade. Germany has imported metals, chemical manures, seeds, salts of potash, dyes, rennet for cheese making, wood, sugar, from or through Swiss territory. Switzerland has been a great market for the value of her trade with the allies was about equal to that of her German trade.

Black and White Bread.

So important are these two supplies to Switzerland that they have been called the "Black Bread" and the "White Bread" of Switzerland. When war began Switzerland had the strongest interest in keeping on good terms with both sides. Her aim was that things should go on as they had done, and like all neutral countries, she expected to share in the industrial activity and profits caused by war demands. But things would not go on as they had done.

Germany, being short of supplies of raw material, such as cotton and rubber, and of fats, set her agents to work in Swiss territory to buy all the things whether wholesale or retail. Foodstuffs, too, were bought up greedily, and in a short space Switzerland found its industries and its people threatened with the natural step was to legislate against these German agents and speculators, but they were difficult to trace and the legislation hard to enforce.

Finda Plan of Protection.

The next step came with the determination of the allies not to let raw materials which they could control go to Germany. Beginning with ordinary contraband such as munitions and rubber, the list has grown to include cotton, fats, oils, metals, chemicals, foodstuffs, and so on. If these went to Switzerland and on to Germany, Germany would assuredly buy them and so denude Switzerland. Switzerland would want more and Germany strip her again.

REPRESENT REDFIELD.

R. P. Stough and Jean H. Hawley, of the Coast and Geodetic Survey; R. L. Hankinson, superintendent of the Fifth Lighthouse district; A. Lincoln Dryden, of the Bureau of Navigation, and Lewis Radcliffe, of the Bureau of Fisheries, officially represent the Department of Commerce at the Southern Commercial Congress meeting in Norfolk today. All of them went to Norfolk aboard ships of the department while the Secretary ordered mobilized for participation in a fleet review in connection with the congress meeting.

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UNCONSCIOUS AS HE DRIVES AEROPLANE

Dr. Lawrence, of Hopkins, Tells of Thrilling War Episodes Which He Observed.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 11.—Dr. Joseph B. Lawrence, assistant in bacteriology at the Johns Hopkins Medical School, who has just returned from service with the allied forces in France, related last night how "Birdman" Baisley, an American, went plunging through the air in his plane unconscious and the machine driving along without control.

"We treated Baisley at Neuilly," said Dr. Lawrence. "He was a pretty good fellow. He was from San Antonio, and he first went into the ambulance corps at Paris, but the flying fever got him and he joined the Paris aviation corps."

"After that he ran up against a Boche the first day he was sent to the front. The German started for him, and as they closed in Baisley's machine gun choked. He was helpless, and he started off, but three other German flyers came up and peppered his machine."

Kept Hold of Lever.

"One shot shattered his pelvic bone and he became unresponsive. He said he didn't know how long he was after and some 800 meters up. I still had hold of my broomstick (the lever)," he said, "and my feet were strapped to the pedals. Then, getting his direction, he plunged down, landing within the French lines."

"He was pretty badly hurt. The ball had made an ugly wound. It was thought at first that the ambulance corps at Neuilly in November had been used, but this was afterward disproved. He was getting along all right when I left Neuilly in November."

"Another American flyer, Chapman, had a sad time through sympathy for Baisley. He learned Baisley wanted some oranges and he flew off with a box of oranges. On his way back a couple of German airmen attacked and killed him. His body was interfered with his control of his machine."

Wound Infection Combated.

Dr. Lawrence told of the excellent results obtained under the Carrel method of combating infection, the worst enemy of armies in the field. Dr. Carrel was with the Rockefeller Institute, but went back to France when the war began.

"One third of the time has been cut off the period the wounded must remain under treatment," said Dr. Lawrence. "Some of the men got back to the trenches again in half the time they ordinarily would."

"Dr. Carrel and Dr. Dakin worked the method with forty-five beds at their hospital, No. 21. We installed the system several months ago with hundreds of beds. Our capacity at Neuilly was 500 beds."

"The wound is first thoroughly cleaned with warm water. It is then irrigated with the Dakin solution, a mild antiseptic, and the irrigation made every two hours. A bacteriological count is made and recorded, and every three days a new bacteriological examination is made. When the count is at the minimum for six or seven days the wound is sewn up, instead of waiting two or three weeks for the natural healing."

"The bacteria count is charted the same as the temperature and pulse, and under the Carrel method the bacteria count is deemed the most important. The surgeons look first at that chart."

Few Amputations Made.

Only five amputations of leg or arm, said Dr. Lawrence, were made at the Neuilly ambulance of more than 1,500 cases. The prompt checking of the spread of infection accomplished this. A chief result, he said, was the saving of the use of the arm or leg. The quick recovery generally was made before the muscles or nerves had become paralyzed.

Dr. Lawrence arrived back in America two weeks ago on the Rochambeau from Boulogne. He had planned to return to Europe, but a German raid on the coast and a subsequent storm, which whipped scores of mines loose from the mine fields, tied up channel traffic for passenger vessels for eight days and caused him to come directly home.

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DRUGS WOMAN IN THEATER

Thief Uses Poison Needle in Effort to Get Rings.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—Mrs. "Danny" Long, wife of the former manager of the Seals baseball team, is recovering from the effects of a strange encounter with a jewel thief in a downtown theater, when the man, "Just beside her, is believed to have injected a drug into her hand in an attempt to steal her diamonds."

Taking her seat, Mrs. Long noticed a suspicious looking man sitting beside her. She moved her purse to the other side of her lap.

Suddenly during the performance her fingers grew numb. The numbness rapidly increased, spreading up to her wrist. Pain followed.

She looked over and saw the man's hand over hers. She could not feel it, however.

Seeing himself detected, the man arose quickly and hurried from the theater.

Mrs. Long had several costly rings on her fingers. On her hand was a small needle prick.

Long believed that the man injected a drug into his wife's hand with the intention of slipping the rings from her. The police are investigating.

BAN ON WEDDING RICE

PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 11.—And now Paterson is going to take all the rice out of wedding.

It is decreed taboo to spill rice down the neck of the bridegroom or to crush his skull with an old shoe. As for the gleefully young thing who dotes on swathing everything bridal in pale blue ribbon and the humorist who is unhappy unless he can paste his fingers in the rice, they are to be discouraged in Paterson. At least not by the Rev. Anthony F. Stein, of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church.

At all the masses yesterday he announced that matrimony is too serious an undertaking for practical jokes.

SHIELDING MOTHER, JAILED.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 11.—Rather than disclose the whereabouts of his mother, because he wished to spare her the sufferings of Frank Sawyer, sentenced a year and a half in San Quentin. We had pleaded guilty to a charge of having held up and robbed a Los Angeles saloon, and asked probation. When the probation officers sought to look up his record, he was told they would have to communicate with his parents.

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Farmers to Hold Control in North Dakota House.

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So When They Threw Stones at Mayor Something Happened.

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HOW PARAGUAY HAS TAKEN FIRST RANK

Century Ago Was the Poorest on the Western Continent.

ASCUNSION, Dec. 11.—Paraguay is a shining example of a nation that has literally come up from the depths of ignorance to a position of some importance in the intellectual as well as commercial world. For about three centuries and a half education in that far southern land was at the lowest ebb.

About a century ago Asuncion, its capital, had a single miserable primary school to furnish mental food for its children. In 1813 its director became discouraged. His salary of \$100 a year was not sufficient to meet his expenses, and he was not sure of receiving that while no suitable place was provided for him. So he resigned in disgust.

As late as the middle of the last century the dictator of Paraguay refused to allow a college to be opened and prohibited the publishing of books. But since that time there has been a change, and the educational movement is well established on a firm basis.

The prospect for Paraguay's intellectual future seems to be bright as the record of the past has been dark.

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